

Memorial Day Plans Being Made; Greenfield Band Has Been Engaged Parade and Meeting Arranged

Rev. H. F. Randolph
To Speak; School
Pupils Participate

Memorial Day promises to furnish a fitting memorial observance if the plans of the committee in charge are fully consummated. In the morning at 8:30 o'clock the parade will form to march at nine o'clock sharp and will be headed by the Greenfield High School Band, that splendid organization which has gained quite an enviable reputation for itself with its music. As usual at the patriotic societies in town will be represented and the school children of our various schools will march. Also the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, the latter in their new uniforms.

After parading to the cemetery with the usual decoration of the graves the public meeting will be held in the town hall at eleven o'clock where appropriate exercises will take place. The address will be given by Rev. Herbert F. Randolph, pastor of the First Methodist church at Greenfield and a summer resident of Northfield.

Our citizens are urged to display our flag and in memory pay their respects to those who have defended our land have none gone before. It is also fitting that we express our devotion to all loved ones who now sleep their silent sleep awaiting the opening gates to glory and eternity.

Brotherhood Meets In Annual Meeting

Mr. Dwight Davis, principal of the Orange High School, will address the Northfield Brotherhood at its regular monthly meeting next Tuesday evening at the Congregational church. Mr. Davis, who has recently traveled in the Scandinavian countries, is an authority on "Consumers' Cooperatives" and will talk on that subject to the Brotherhood. This movement has become the lifework of Kagawa the world-famous Japanese Christian, who spoke at the Auditorium a few weeks ago.

The annual election of officers for the Brotherhood will take place at this meeting. Reports will also be made. The nominating committee is made up of Lester Polhemus, Nelson Jackson, and Harry James. Professor Frank Duley will speak on Current Events.

Will They Ring? The Phantom Bells

The big dramatic event "The Phantom Bells," to be given by the choir of the Congregational church is a mystery story packed with thrills from the rising of the curtain on the first act to its fall on the final exciting episode. The production given in the town hall Wednesday evening, May 20, is for the benefit of the choir work. A large audience is already assured from the sale of advance tickets. Those who are taking the characters of the play are spending much time in drill and rehearsal and will do their best in portraying the story of the drama and make it a realistic proposition. The following are the actors and actresses on the stage: Natalie Briesmaster, Esther Williams, Dorothy Pearson, Vassia Savcheff, Sophie Servaes, W. Stanley Carne, Lloyd Marcy, Roy Fish, Robert DeVoor, Melvin Glazier.

"Don't forget, it's a date, next Wednesday night at eight."

Engagement Announced From Over The Seas

The engagement is announced of Ruth, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Truesdell of Barnardston to Kenneth Lee Downing, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lee Downing for many years missionaries of Kijabe in Africa where the son was born. He came to America for his education and returned to Africa in 1933 where he is now engaged in active missionary work in Kenya Colony. Miss Truesdell is located at Kijabe where she has charge of some 200 girls in Christian education. She is well known in Northfield and has many friends at the Seminary which she attended. She has spent four years on the foreign field. No date has been named as yet for the wedding.

Missionary Society Elects Year's Officers

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Trinitarian Congregational church was held at the church Wednesday of last week.

A luncheon was served by the social committee, Miss Maud Hamilton, Mrs. Barber and Miss Virginia Smith. The tables were very attractive with spring flowers and Japanese place cards sent last year from Japan by Mrs. Taber.

After the luncheon came the reports for the year including an account by Mrs. Solandt of the work committee describing the hand work done by Grant, New Mexico and Pleasant Hill Academy in Tennessee.

The committee on nominations, Mrs. Carl Mason, chairman reported the following list of officers for next year. All were elected:

President, Mrs. N. Fay Smith; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Frank Montague; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. E. M. Morgan; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Evans; secretary, Mrs. H. H. Morse. Program committee, Mrs. L. R. Smith, chairman. Work committee, Mrs. Solandt, chairman. Social committee, Mrs. Neva Barber, chairman. Invitation committee, Mrs. Frank Duley, chairman.

The president then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Elliot Brown who gave a map talk on South America and tested our knowledge of that interesting continent.

The society feels that there has been a lively interest in both home and foreign missionary work and hopes that even more will become interested next year.

Benevolent Society Elects

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of Northfield Farms held its annual meeting at the Library Wednesday afternoon of last week with a very good attendance. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Viola Billings, president; Mrs. John Kervian, vice-president; Mrs. Agnes Hammond, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Fannie Parker, Mrs. Ette Gilbert, Mrs. Bertha Hammond, social committee; Mrs. Bertha Hammond, Mrs. Agnes Hammond, Mrs. Mary Parker, directors.

A supper was served to the members at tables beautifully decorated with flowers.

Mrs. Amalia F. Raguse, age 80, who died at her home in Shelburne Falls last Thursday is survived by two daughters and a son William Raguse of Vernon.

Mothers-Daughters Dine; Very Successful Affair By Mother's Society

Over two hundred and thirty mothers and daughters responded to the invitation to dine together at the Congregational church vestry last Friday evening under the auspices of the Mothers' Society of the church and a very successful affair it turned out to be. The tables were beautifully decorated with various kinds of flowers and the menu of chicken fricasse, mashed potatoes, vegetables and fruit salad, pie, coffee and milk. The banquet committee headed by Mrs. Harry James, with Mrs. Palam, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Stearns, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Taber and Mrs. Bolton, did efficient service.

The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Clifton Johnson of Hadley who spoke most interestingly of matters pertaining to the life of mothers and daughters. Mrs. William R. Moody gave a talk to the daughters of admonitions which was greatly appreciated. Ruth McEwan gave the response for the daughters to the speakers.

Other committees working for the success of the dinner were the Invitation Committee of Mrs. Elizabeth Palam, with Mrs. Carne, Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Norton. Decorating committee, Mrs. Florence Carne, Mrs. Polhemus.

While this was a women's affair, the men willingly assisted in the service and the kitchen was manned by Harry James, Bert Newton, Paul Chamberlin, George Carr and Louis Webber. The waiters were the members of the Sunday School class of Mr. S. E. Walker who himself served as headwaiter.

The memory of the event will long remain with those who attended and the mothers and daughters all unite in the hope that another such happy affair may be held next year.

Parent-Teachers Elect

The annual meeting of the Parent-Teachers Union was held last Monday evening at Alexander Hall. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Ross Spencer, president; Mrs. Clarence Steadler, M. L. Glazier, Mrs. Harold Bigelow, Mrs. Earle Danforth, vice-presidents; Miss Elizabeth Braley, secretary and treasurer. Reports were rendered and the recent prize speaking contest received most favorable commendation.

Miss Helen Conley of the Youths Hostel addressed the meeting, speaking of the accomplishments of the organizations during the past year and forecasting the events in the near future. She stated that the association had now 1750 members. New trails were being laid out and additional hostels established.

Tractors Are Here

One of the large state tractors has begun work at plowing up the farms at Northfield Farms which was devastated by the recent flood. The furrows are about 15 to 18 inches deep and the work is going along very well although in some places only the silt is being overturned. On dry days when it is warm and winds prevail the dust is unbearable and flies in clouds. Drivers of the motor tractor are wearing masks to protect themselves from constantly inhaling the fine particles which infected drivers at Sunderland and the farms lower down the river.

Marriage Announced

Mrs. Catherine Calder Herron of Leyden has announced the marriage of her daughter, Catherine Elizabeth to Dean Williams son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Williams of Warwick road, Northfield, which took place at Millerton, N. Y., on September 21 of last year at the Congregational church parsonage. Miss Herron is the efficient nurse of the town serving the community and the schools and Mr. Williams at the last town meeting was elected tree warden. Both are among our popular young people and they have many friends who are now extending their congratulations.

The Northfield Garden Club will hold a regular session in the town hall on Monday evening, May 18 when a speaker will be present from M. S. C. at Amherst to speak on vegetable and fruit gardening and its preservation from insects. The public are invited.

The Dance Recital Of Kathleen Bagley Town Hall Tonight

Tonight is the night for the pupils of Kathleen Bagley's dancing class when the recital will be held in the town hall. The program is very full and complete with the best that goes into a dance recital. The program ought to be given in full but one will be satisfied with the splendid list of participants. Here they are:

June Bolton, Miriam Hunt, Doris Miller, Ruth McGowan, LeVerne Langville, Barbara Jackson, Kay Moody, Arline Finch, Ruth Norton, Caroline Miller, Enid Miner, Gloria Sawchiff, Fay Warnock, Ruth Dawe, Patty Long, Helen Reilly, Janet Kehl, Jane Crepeau, Joyce Britton, Janice Britton, Claude Crepeau, David Quinn, Neil Sutherland, Edwin Finch, Winona Robinson, Doris Engelhardt, Virginia Geraghty, Mildred Allen, Betty O'Brien and Mary Wood.

The studio pianist is Gladys O'Neill and the guest pianist is Alice Graves. Miss Bagley will appear in a solo dance.

The list of artists is very inviting and the hall will be packed by an admiring audience.

The program consists of ballet, tap, toe and acrobatic dancing. The youngest member in the butterfly dance is not yet four years old and over half of the participants have only had one season's instruction.

John Haigis Speaks To Hermon Students

John W. Haigis, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Massachusetts addressed the student body of Mt. Hermon school Saturday on the subject of "Good Government." The Good Government Club of the school sponsored the program as the beginning of a political education project to continue until election time. Robert Young, president of the club introduced Mr. Haigis.

"Never in the history of the Commonwealth" said Mr. Haigis, "has the political government of the state sunk to such low levels. Never has the need for men of ability and character, been greater. Never have the ideals and standards of such a school as Mt. Hermon been more needed in the state than now."

The speaker quoted a part of the present governor's inaugural address, in which Governor Curley stated the necessity of increased economy for the reduction of the burdens of taxation for all. This statement was followed up by quoting from the record this past year, wherein the previous ideal of reduction of taxes and economy in government were entirely forgotten. In ten or more items covering the governor's office, the appropriations were increased, in some cases more than 500 per cent over that of any previous administration.

The point stressed by Mr. Haigis was that such an example of wastefulness is copied by other heads, with the result that any one item, though not large in itself, multiplied many times over, becomes a significant sum. "Instead of a government of ideals, our state is a government of rackets," said Mr. Haigis. "The Civil Service lists used to mean something for those seeking employment. Today the governor has set up his own personal employment office, and no one can secure a job from the state now unless he has political pull favorable to the governor."

"It is high time the people of this state woke up to the wasteful spending. Instead of living within the agreed-upon budget, high as it is, the governor spends money beyond the stipulated sums. This is money not appropriated by the Legislature, and therefore is illegal. Yet it is done."

"It is high time the people of Massachusetts awoke to the desperateness of the need at this time of honest, efficient government. We want to restore the good name of the state, and make it stand as an example of able and honest government," Mr. Haigis concluded.

ANNOUNCEMENT

F. WILTON DEAN, M. D. announces that he will be away on a vacation from May 15 to June 1. Arrangements have been made for the care of his practice during his absence.

Annual Tree Day Seminary Pageant Saturday Afternoon

The annual Tree Day will be celebrated at Northfield Seminary this Saturday, May 16, beginning at 3 o'clock on the athletic field. The pageant to be presented is "The Enchanted Wood." In the prologue the frolicsome elves are sent scurrying under toadstools to seek shelter from a sudden rain. A child enters and sits down upon a stump which has the power to grant three wishes to any mortal child. Looking about she sees a pool and recalls the Greek myth of Narcissus and Echo.

Pan plays his pipes made from riverbank reeds and to his own accompaniment expresses his delight in a light dance. The dryads appear and the proud Pan plays for them on his new toy. Narcissus hears the piping and follows it. He finds a pool and is so enchanted by the beautiful reflection that in spite of Echo's attempts to take him from the pool he returns. Echo succeeds in her attempts awhile but soon loses her lover.

The second wish of the child is to see the tales of Sherwood Forest and Robin Hood. Robin Hood's men amuse her by shooting at targets and merrymaking in the forest clearing. Robin appears with his fellows and Maid Marian with her attendants. A wandering player plays for the men and then a dance follows led by Robin Hood and Maid Marian.

The third wish is to see the children of other nations at play. A Dutch boy and girl begin the group followed by Polish, Italian and Russian children. They invite the child to join in the gay Maypole dance. The May Queen presides over this pageant.

Following these activities, singing takes place at the senior tree and then at the junior tree. A spade oration at the junior tree will be given by Jane Clark, president of the senior class, and answered by Jean Olsen, president of the junior class. The senior step sing and reading of the senior class will be on the chapel steps and concludes the events of the day.

Warwick Pastor Dies Suddenly

Rev. Harlan P. Metcalf, 69, pastor of the Congregational church at Warwick during the past three years, dropped dead in his home last Monday afternoon. He had been in poor health for some time.

Born in Elyria, Ohio, in 1867, Rev. Metcalf attended the Elyria schools and Oberlin college where he took the seminary course. From Oberlin he went to the Union Theological Seminary in New York City and then served as assistant pastor in Des Moines, Iowa; Grand Rapids, Mich., and Cleveland, Ohio. He did YMCA work in South Bend, Ind., St. Paul, Minn., and in France during the world war. He also did settlement work in Quincy, Ill., and Youngstown, Ohio.

In 1911 and 1912 Rev. Metcalf was a member of a quartet in a men's religious movement which took a trip around the world. He next became pastor of the Congregational church in Madison, Ohio.

In 1898 Rev. Metcalf married Rena Goldbury of Warwick who survives him. Three years ago they moved from Madison to reside in the old Goldbury home in the village center.

Besides his widow, Rev. Metcalf is survived by four children.

The funeral was held Thursday from the home and interment was in Warwick cemetery.

Masonic Lodge Officers At Burial of Member

Charles E. Gordon a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons for twenty-eight years, a 32nd degree Mason, and a resident with in the town of Barnardston died in New York City last Sunday after a short illness at a hospital. He was employed as an engineer at the Mount Hermon School. The funeral service was held at the church in Gill on Tuesday with Rev. Lester White officiating. The service was in charge of Harmony Lodge with full ritual and burial was in the Gill cemetery. He is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter.

Those who attend the coming Fair should now make a note that the Springfield or Eastern States Exposition will be held September 20 to 26 inclusive.

The Annual Sacred Concert In The Auditorium Next Sunday Thousands Expected To Appreciate

Northfield Seminary and Mt. Hermon school will unite Sunday at 3 p. m. in the traditional Northfield Sacred Concert in which more than 1000 voices will participate.

This annual event always attracts an overflow audience to the auditorium. Although no admission will be charged, tickets will be required.

Melvin L. Gallagher, choral director of the schools, will conduct and the program will open with a responsive reading edited and led by Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster of Mt. Hermon school. The musical numbers will include old-time favorites and modern chorales, hymns in which the 3000 voices of the choirs and congregation will join, and small numbers in which the 25 or 30 highly trained chorists will sing without accompaniment. The accompanists, all members of the school's music faculty, will be the Misses Marion Keller and Gladys Grindland, and Carleton L'Homme-dieu.

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MELVIN L. GALLAGHER
Choral Director

The Program is as follows:

Ancient of Days	J. Albert Jeffery
The Pharisee and the Publican	Heinrich Schutz
O Holy Father	Giovanni P. daPalestrina
Salvation Belongeth To Our God	Paul Tchesnokov
Ave Vivens Hostia	Old French Melody
God of Our Fathers	George W. Warren
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind	Frederick C. Maker
(At This Point the Program will be Broadcast)	
All Beautiful the March of Days	English Traditional
A Joyous Christ Song	F. A. Gevaert
Beneath the Cross of Jesus	Frederick C. Maker
The World Itself is Blithe and Gay	German Melody
Exaltation	F. Melius Christiansen
As Torrents in Summer	Edward Elgar
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come	George J. Elvey
Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah	George F. Handel
Northfield Benediction	Lucy Rider Meyer

Through the Courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company a half-hour of the program, 3:30 to 4, will be broadcast

On To Washington; Seniors Leave Saturday

Bright and early Saturday morning the senior class of the Northfield High School will leave for Washington to visit the high spots of the National Capitol. They will see New York City enroute and the itinerary will be about the same as in previous years. The class will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cobb. Members of the party are Fanny Lombard, Beatrice Lackey, Grace Tenney, Esther Thompson, Helen Williams, Helen Wozniak, Herman Browning, Karol Mankowsky, Joseph Butinski, Paul Lazinski, Albert Cambalisky, Robert Thompson, John Wozniak and Harry Halloway. The party expect to return to Northfield next Wednesday.

P. O. Inspector Here Studying Locations

On Inspector of the Post Office Department from Washington was in town on Monday looking over proposed and suggested locations for the Northfield Post Office. The lease on the present premises will soon expire it is understood and other locations have been offered to the department. It is quite likely that proposals will be invited from property owners and that the whole matter will be carefully considered before a decision upon any location is made.

A Fine Showing

"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," first natural-color motion picture of the outdoors, will open next Monday for a four days' engagement at the Auditorium Theatre, Brattleboro, with Sylvia Sidney, Fred MacMurray and Henry Fonda in the starring roles, and Fred Stone at the head of the supporting cast.

"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," based on John Fox, Jr., famous novel of the same title, marks a milestone in the history of the movies. It is the first picture in which the color element is taken as a matter of course, and subordinate to the story interest.

A May party of the Cradle Roll of the Sunday School and the Mothers' Society of the Congregational church was held on Wednesday afternoon in the church vestry with 23 mothers and 18 children in attendance. An interesting program was given by the children, Ralph Barrows, Lois Stearns, Edgar Parker, Richard Whitney and Shirley Miller.

Mrs. Moody Heads Missionary Society

Mrs. Ambert G. Moody was on Tuesday elected President of the County district Women's Department of the State Congregational Conference at its annual meeting held at the Second Church in Greenfield. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Mary R. Carver of Boston upon women's work and activity.

Other officers chosen were the following: Vice-president, Mrs. Whitman B. Wells of Greenfield; recording secretary, Mrs. Herbert B. Morrell of Turners Falls; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. Wells of Greenfield; and treasurer, Mrs. Fred A. Holton of East Northfield.

Committees named with Northfield chairmen were: Women's Handiwork, Mrs. L. H. LaZelle; Young Peoples' Work, Mrs. Grove Deming.

Announce Public Reception

A public reception will be tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Williams who recently announced their marriage, in Alexander Hall on this Saturday evening from 8:30 to 1:00 o'clock under the sponsorship of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montague, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. George Carr and Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Dean. The public are invited.

Are Not Discredited

Soon after the recent primary it was said that such WPA workers who had participated in politics or who had been elected as delegates to the State Democratic Convention would be fired or relieved of their jobs. Now it turns out that WPA Administrator Hopkins has assured Congressman McCormack of Boston that there was nothing in the regulations of the WPA to prevent a worker to accept an unpaid honor such as a delegate to a political convention. In Northfield Mr. Lawrence S. Quinlan, in charge of a WPA division locally was at the recent primary chosen as member of the Democratic Town Committee and a delegate to the Democratic State Convention which meets in Springfield this June. The statement of Mr. Hopkins makes it perfectly clear that Mr. Quinlan acted within his rights and can retain his WPA work.

Mrs. Ralph H. Forsyth has been entertaining his father Rufus Forsyth of Chester, Vt., for the past two weeks.

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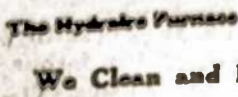
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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn returned Monday from their winter's stay at Orlando, Fla., where they recently purchased a house for next season's occupancy. They are now at their summer home in Mountain Park.

Mrs. Grace Cornell of Olcott, N. Y., has arrived at her home on Winchester road and is getting the same into condition for the reception of her many guests during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray Scanlon of Lynn announce the birth of a daughter Frances Louise on May 3. Mrs. Scanlon is the former Vivian Ray daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of Providence, R. I., and with her parents have spent each succeeding summer at their cottage on the hillside off Winchester road.

Miss Florence Layton of New York City has arrived to spend the summer at her cottage in the Highlands.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Chamberlin of Main street are on a two weeks' visit with his brother in Rochester, Vt.

Mrs. Walter F. Hunt and Miss Carrie Legate of Charlemon were guests the first of the week of Mrs. Harry James of Parker street.

Miss Caroline Wilkes has returned to her home on Birnam road for the summer after spending the winter at the North Shore.

Rev. A. N. Thompson and his family will leave Coral Gables, Fla., on the 20th by motor to return to his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Waite are leaving Southern Pines, N. C., where they spent the winter and will be at West Cornwall, Conn., for a while.

Mrs. Gertrude L. Leavis has returned to her home here after spending the winter with her daughter, Ida, at Hopkinton.

Miss Fanny C. Hatch of Kenard Hall, Secretary of the Alumni association who has been quite ill and at Dickenson Cooley hospital in Northampton is reported as somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks of New York are spending some time at the summer home of Rev. James Parker on Winchester road. Mrs. Brook was the former Edith Parker and has spent many summers here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barrows are spending the week-end in Richmond, Vt.

Mrs. Mary Spencer is entertaining a number of guests over the week-end who are here for the Sacred Concert.

Miss Daisy Treen of Boston has arrived in East Northfield and is occupying her cottage in the Highlands.

Mrs. C. C. Morgan of the Farms road is spending the week visiting friends in South Braintree and Quincy. Mrs. Morgan was the very efficient head of the Red Cross Relief station at Northfield Farms recently.

Loren W. Gould who is the Boston & Maine railroad station agent at Mount Hermon is away on a two months' leave of absence and his place is being taken by J. W. Mayer.

Headmaster David R. Porter of Mount Hermon School with a number of the faculty spent a few days at the Warwick Inn last week for study and conference.

Mrs. Edna B. H. Jenkins of Jackson Heights, N. Y., expects to arrive in East Northfield next week to occupy her summer cottage in Rustic Ridge.

E. J. Blanchard of Nashua, N. H., was in town last week visiting his many friends. Mr. Blanchard will be remembered as the former ferryman at Bennett's Meadow where he lived and ran the boat which carried passengers and conveyances across the river in the days preceding the building of the bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whitney spent Mother's Day in Troy, N. Y., as guests of relatives. The children also went with them.

"Shear Nonsense"

He: When would it be best for me to ask your father an important question?

She: Well, he sees suitors from 6:30 to 8 every evening, with the exception of Sundays.

"Some of the political questions now being windily debated about the country are like the bass drum."

"How's that?"

"After you listen to both sides

Editor's Mother Passes

A telegram from Rochester, N. Y., last Tuesday afternoon, announced the death of Mrs. Matilda Fichtner Hoehn at the age of 87 years in her home in that city. She was the mother of the Editor of this paper who was summoned to her side at the Eastertide when her illness began. Her husband Jacob A. Hoehn died many years ago and she made her home with her daughter, who tenderly cared for her for many years. She was a descendant from the early settlers of the city of Rochester and had lived there her entire life. She was an earnest and active member of the Lutheran church and much interested in its missionary activities.

She is survived by three daughters, Miss Alma of Rochester, Mrs. Luther F. Gruber of Maywood, Ill., Mrs. Otto Johnson of Detroit, Mich.; three sons, William of Northfield, Charles and Oliver of Rochester; and four grandchildren. The funeral was held this Friday at the home for the family and intimate friends only and interment was in the family plot in Mount Hope cemetery.

Springfield Issues Stamp

The fame of Springfield's 300th birthday will be carried to all parts of the world by stamps especially printed by the 300th Anniversary committee and soon to be offered to the public.

The design was suggested by Edward H. Marsh, chairman of publications, and perfected by artists of the Brooks Bank Note Company, where the first order of 1,000,000 is being printed.

Production was somewhat delayed by the flood complications, but delivery of the first batch is set for sometime next week.

The dimensions are about the same as a large postage stamp. The chief colors are light blue and orange. An inset of William Lynchon looks out from the upper half, just opposite a reproduction of the municipal group against a background of light blue sky and white clouds. In the upper half are the dark blue words: "300th Anniversary, 1636-1936."

The lower half is colored orange, which also fringes the entire stamp. Under the name of William Pynchon are the words "Founder, Springfield, Massachusetts."

of it you haven't heard much."

"Pa, a man's wife is his better half, isn't she?"

"Well, we are told so, my son."

"Well then, if a man marries twice, there isn't anything left of him, is there?"

A train of thought is frequently limited, although it may be only local.

Husband (reading newspaper): It says here that the average man inhales about 500,000

cubic inches of air a day.

Wife: Yes, and isn't it surprising that so much of it is hot when he exhales it?

Willie had been giving his teacher a good deal of trouble that morning. At the close of the first study period she said:

"Now we will take up the subject of natural history; and you

may name in rotation some of the lower animals, starting with Willie."

Windjammer: Does this wind bother you?

Patient Listener: Naw, talk as much as you like.

"Are you laughing at me?" demanded the professor sternly of

his class.

"Oh, no, sir," came the reply in chorus.

"Then, what else is there in the room to laugh at?" asked the professor even more grimly.

Jasper: Why do you want a rubber plant in your garden?

Casper: I want to raise tires for my garden truck.



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The Changing Country Church In New England

Two million people live in the open country and village communities of less than twenty-five hundred in population in the six New England states. The United States census classifies this group as farm and non-farm and calls it rural to distinguish it from the urban group. Forty-three and eight-tenths per cent of the total population of the United States is rural while in New England the rural percentage is about half that, or to be exact, twenty-two and seven-tenths. This rural group is right now the fastest growing population in New England. Farms in Massachusetts increased thirty per cent last year.

There are areas in this section—notably Northern Vermont, the Aroostook County of Maine, the Connecticut Valley and the Nashua fruit belt of Massachusetts, which are as agricultural as anything in the United States and as productive as the best land that lies out of doors. On the back roads and isolated, semi-abandoned sections, there is a mixture of old native white stock and newer immigrant waging a warfare with nature for a livelihood which rivals anything in the United States for grim and weary labor against heavy odds of soil, climate and "other acts of God."

It is in this rural New England that twenty-five hundred town and country churches are located. They dot the hillsides of the open country or nestle among the village trees, usually fronting the common, sometimes in battle array ready to carry on the fight for some denomination. How goes the battle with these 2500 church which may be classified as major social institutions? Are these churches doomed or dying, alive or dead, going forward or backward, or merely hanging on like frozen apples clinging to leafless trees in November? Who knows and who cares? Who cares and why?

The standards of measurement of religious progress are so varied that few are reliable. It is, however, possible to get some idea of the church's standing as an institution by considering membership, support and response to its program of service on the part of the constituency to which it ministers. New England has three-fifths of its adult population enrolled as church members. Of the New England states, Rhode Island and Connecticut have 72.6 per cent of their adult population enrolled in church. Massachusetts has 62.3 per cent, while Vermont and New Hampshire have only 53.6 per cent. The tendency here is that church membership is highest where farm ownership is highest and where the population is stable. The church prospers most where the population is anchored to the locality by a stake in the land. A comparison of rural and urban church expenditures per capita adult member shows New England spending \$17.66 in the city and \$19.10 in the country. Only one section—the Rocky mountain section—spends less, \$16.65 for the city and \$9.50 for the country. This is the statistical situation which has resulted from New England rural church activity since the landing of the Mayflower.

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Peter Ainslie once called sectarianism "The Scandal of Christianity." Sickening examples of costly, needless and un-Christian competition may be cited in

New England. There are puny, bigoted and endowment-cursed units and cells of religious organization which block Christian fellowship and goodwill through out New England.

New England is contributing examples of progressive rural church activity to the world in its larger parishes. The map of Maine is dotted by a dozen larger parishes. The names are intriguing: Aroostook, South West Harbor, Mount Desert, Mount Blue, Saco Valley, Oxford County, Western Maine, Sebago Lake, Presumpscot, Umbagog! What a group of parishes for any state to contribute to cooperation among rural churches!

The leaders of these parishes are men and women who know their task to its last detail of practical activity and out to the edge of its philosophy. This is no handful of defeated individualists who are trying to hatch out some new scheme to prolong the life of a forlorn hope of denominationalism hanging on by the grace of a gift of hymn books or missionary aid. These workers have been trained for their tasks by universities and by experience on larger parish staffs as apprentices. None of this killing sense of futility which undercuts the efforts and spirit of every lonely worker on a competing field is noticeable in this group. They have the zeal of crusaders for a cause that offers hope to communities now languishing for religious services that embodies cooperation both in its theory and practice. The reports of these parish workers reads like a chapter from the Book of Acts.

But to mention Larger Parishes and Interdenominational Cooperation in New England and not mention Hilda Ives would be heresy. Up in a region northwest of Portland there is a group of five of the State of Maine's Larger Parishes. This is no geographical accident and the origin of these larger parishes can be traced back to the pastorate of Hilda Ives at Albany. When she was chosen pastor of this neglected church at a salary of \$250 a year, one of the head men of that defunct church greeted her with the dirge: "Well, you are here. Each pastor we have had for years has been worse than the one before. And now we have a woman pastor." It did not take Mrs. Ives long to see the futility of a detached, fragmentary ministry to a forlorn and isolated church so she set to work on the cooperative program which finally grew into five larger parishes in that section, on the staff of one of which she now serves. Now Mrs. Ives is President of the New England Town and Country Church Commission and chairman of the Associated Commissions for the Development of the Rural Church in New England.

A new "religious cooperative," called the Associated Commission for the Development of the Rural Church in New England

is at work to change the church to meet the changing country conditions of New England. The two commissions which constitute this newly organized association are The New England Town and Country Church Commission and The Interseminary Commission for Training for the Rural Ministry. For seven years these two commissions have been at work along cooperative interdenominational lines and have slowly but surely established themselves along progressive rural church lines.

They have accepted the challenge of the late Kenyon L. Butterfield, formerly President of the New England Town and Country Church Commission which he threw out to the rural world for years: "I propose no less a challenge to the Christian forces of the world than that the church take command of the task of developing and maintaining an adequate, and therefore a Christian, rural civilization." —C. M. McConnell

SOUTH VERNON

Mr. and Mrs. Kuykendall of West Northfield have moved to Athol where he has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolton and family have moved into their new home on the Station road.

Alma Dunklee spent last week with her relatives at Northfield Farms.

Mrs. A. H. Evans went to North Conway last week to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Samuel Hamlet who was killed in an automobile accident near Ossipee, N. H. on Saturday, May 7. Another sister, Mrs. Martha Plummer, who drove the car, escaped injury. The car had left the shoulder of the road.

E. W. Dunklee who is at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital with blood poisoning is improving. Last Sunday he motored with friends to visit his home.

Mrs. Hattie Morse of Longmeadow, Mass., is visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Allen.

Warren B. Dunklee is making extensive improvements and enlargement of his barns.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Butler of Brattleboro have purchased the Bailey place.

James McGinn of Medford, Mass., was a recent visitor with his sister Mrs. Guy Miner.

A postponed card party will be held at the South schoolhouse Tuesday evening.

Mr. Taggart the man from Vermont will give an entertainment in the Vernon Town Hall this Friday evening.

"Children, if you are all very good and obedient I shall relate to you, tomorrow, the story of Columbus and the egg," said the village school-teacher. "But in order that you should remember it well, each of you has to bring an egg. . . . Whoever has no eggs may bring butter."

Mars Outdistanced



WARS under 300,000
AUTOS about 400,000

In many respects the problem of automobile accidents is worse than war. During the last 15 years the number of deaths from automobile accidents in this country has approximated 400,000. But during the 15 years constituting the total length of time of all the wars in which this country as a nation has been engaged, the number killed and who died of wounds received in action has been less than 300,000. The total war dead is exceeded by 55 per cent by the record of deaths on streets and highways in the last 15 years.

In the last 10 years, according to the Travelers Insurance Company, deaths from automobile accidents increased from 21,628 in 1925 to more than 36,000 for 1935—a gain of 67 per cent. During this same period, the number of cars on the road increased only 31 per cent, and the population of the country increased only 11 per cent. Deaths gained twice as much as the number of cars in use and six times as much as the increase in population.

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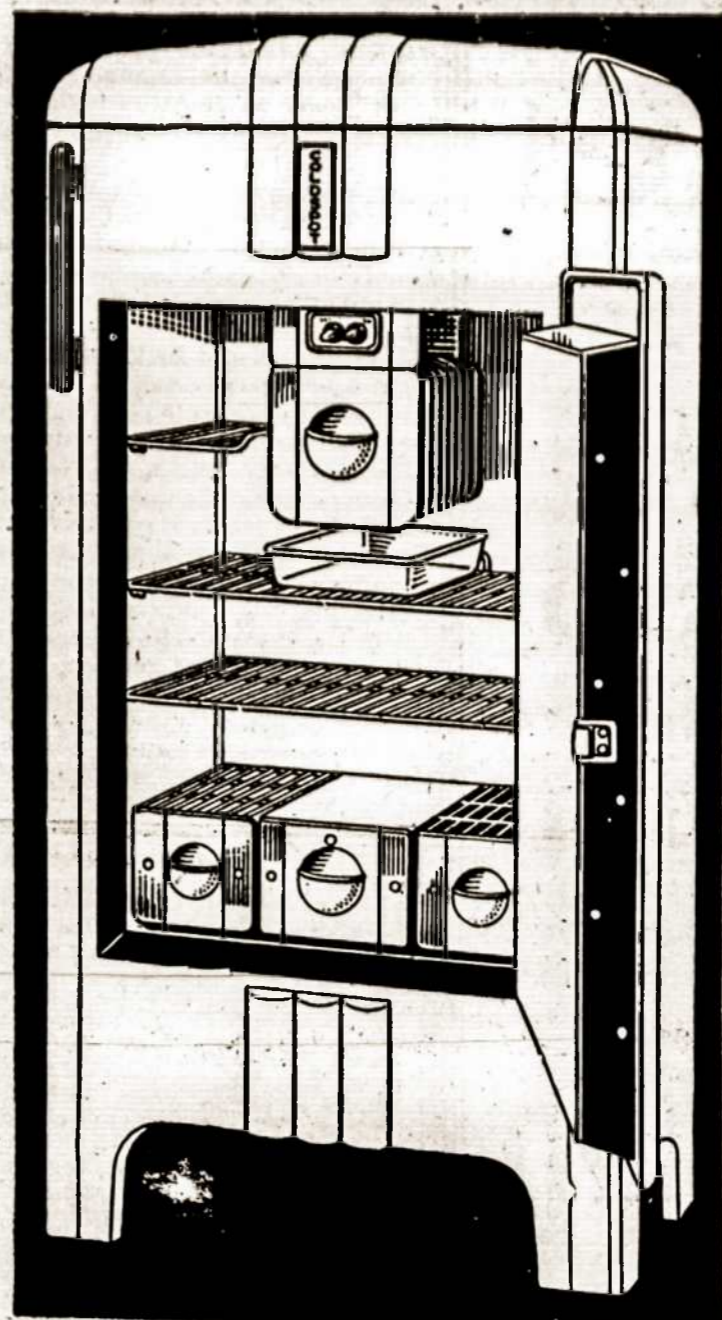
BUT NOW HAS PLenty OF TIME



Here is an example of what too many pedestrians do. The person illustrated above never had time to wait for the green light, but now, as all will admit, he has P-L-E-N-T-Y of time. No doubt any person who has had such an experience will decide it's better to wait a few seconds than to spend weeks and even months getting over injuries suffered because of impatience.

Last year there were more than a thousand pedestrians killed when they crossed at intersections against the signal, and there were more than 35,000 who were injured, according to the Travelers Insurance Company. Many of those killed, if they had a chance to do it over again, would be more than willing to wait for the light to turn in their favor. Very likely those injured feel the same way. It may be a little irksome to wait for the signal to flash "Go," but one remains dead a long time, and it's far from being funny to be kept in bed recovering from injuries.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

The undersigned officers of American Youth Hostel Association, Massachusetts Branch, a corporation organized under the laws of Massachusetts, located in Northfield, county of Franklin, hereby give notice that said corporation by an affirmative vote of all of the members legally entitled to vote at a meeting called for the purpose and by articles of amendment duly executed according to law by the proper officers of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation and deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of chapter 155 of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, voted to change its name and adopt the name of American Youth Hostels, Incorporated.

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Edgar J. Livingston, Treasurer
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Melvin H. Glazier,
Merritt C. Skilton,
Fred A. Holton,
Allen H. Wright,
Charlotte P. Wright,
Stephen Stark,
Florence Stark,
Henry A. Johnson,
Majority of Directors

5-15-21

Coming Events

May 15, Friday — Town Hall.
Miss Bagley dance recital.

May 16, Saturday, — Seminary
Tree Day.

May 17, Sunday — Auditorium.
Northfield Schools Sacred Concert.

May 18, Monday — Town Hall.
Garden Club.

May 20, Wednesday—Town Hall,
Drama, Congregational Church
Choir.

June 6, Saturday — Auditorium.
Pinafore.

June 8, Monday—Seminary com-
mencement.

June 8, Monday—Hermon com-
mencement.

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Roaming Roads

First the survey, then the plan, Then grading, then concrete— Sounds easy! Yet to build a road Is not a simple feat.

"Get offa my land!" a woman said—and the highway surveying crew, lacking any authority which seemed capable for the moment of competing with the "authority" of the shotgun she pointed at them, picked up their instruments and left.

They went back later, of course, under the protection of the law, for the Commonwealth has power to place its highways where public need dictates. But the little incident—which happened in Massachusetts—shows that excitement is not lacking from seemingly prosaic tasks and that the highway engineer's life is not all square yards and square roots.

As a matter of fact, transformation of a road from wilderness to modern concrete surface is accepted by most of us as one of the ordinary things of life, yet there is much of romance in road building from its start clear thru to the finish. There are, as a beginning, frequently points of real interest in tracing back old deeds and grants in the process of land taking, for many of these instruments go back to earliest times.

Surveyors next must go over the route, plotting and mapping

so that engineers at headquarters may be able to figure the exact route, how much will have to be cut here and how much filled in there, to make the future highway safe and comfortable for you and me to drive on. Even after recommendations have been made and blueprints prepared, there must be planning and discussion before bids can be asked for, each project being considered on its merits and then in comparison with the need for other projects. There is just so much money available, so that choice is perforce dependent upon necessity.

Each of the seven District Highway Engineers in the state makes recommendations from his own district. At headquarters the entire state must be considered. After final approval the project goes to the estimating section where quantities of needed materials and the amount of work involved are worked out and a proposal is drafted which contractors will use in submitting their bids for construction; and after the bids are opened they must be checked against the department's estimates as further precaution against excessive cost. All this is done before a spoonful of dirt can be moved or a square yard of concrete placed for us to drive over.

And we—too often—take it as a matter of course!

NORTHFIELD PRESS RECIPES

BY a blessed dispensation of Providence, what we crave in food is often the very thing which is good for us. When midwinter comes, how grateful to the palate is a desert with the tang of citrus fruit! And how good for our Deserts like this help to keep our winter diets balanced.

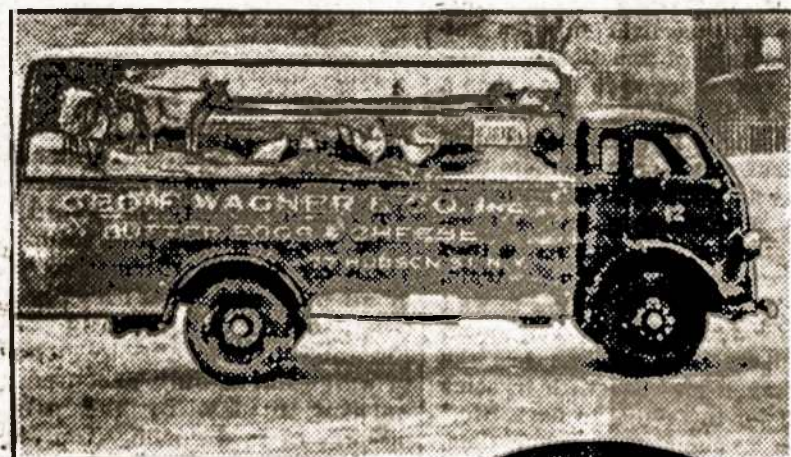
Celestine Lemon Tapioca:
2 cups water; 4 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca; ¼ cup sugar; ¼ teaspoon salt; ¼ cup lemon juice; 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind; ¼ cup cream, whipped. Place water in top of double boiler and bring to a boil over direct heat. Combine dry ingredients; add gradually to water and bring to a brisk boil, stirring constantly. Place immediately over rapidly boiling water and cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cool—mixture clears and thickens as it cools. When slightly cool, add lemon juice and rind. Chill; fold in cream. Pile lightly in sherbet glasses. Garnish with maraschino cherries, whole or finely shredded. Serves 6.

SOME day, when your culinary ingenuity flags and the business of varying the menu day after day fills you with discouragement, turn to the South for inspiration. Instead of potatoes, make Southern Spoon Bread for dinner—a

justly famous delicacy which will fill the family with delight. It is just the thing to serve with broiled ham, with fried chicken, or creamed chicken. And for a leisurely Sunday morning breakfast, Southern Spoon Bread served with bacon is an unforgettable treat.

Southern Spoon Bread:
¾ cup corn meal; 1 teaspoon salt; 3 tablespoons melted butter; 1 cup boiling water; 2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; 2 eggs, well beaten; 1 cup milk. Combine corn meal, salt, and butter. Stir in boiling water slowly and beat until smooth. Add baking powder to eggs and combine with milk; add to corn meal mixture, stirring well. Turn into greased casserole or 8x8x2-inch pan, and bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 40 to 50 minutes.

In The WEEK'S NEWS



NEW—Art, pictorial as well as automotive, brightens New York streets. This rural scene, hand-painted in oil, gives a surprising touch to the last word in trucks. Autocar officials foresee an increase of this style.



SUCCESSFUL LEADER—Marshal Pietro Badoglio who led his Italian troops into Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia.



MILESTONE—Goodyear officials celebrate the production of a quarter billion tires. R. A. Wilson, vice-president and sales manager (left), and President Paul W. Litchfield are seen examining the actual two hundred and fifty millionth tire to be built by the company.



FARM MORTGAGE BILL AUTHORS—Senator Lynn Frazier (left) and Representative William Lemke, whose \$3,000,000,000 farm mortgage bill was brought to life by a discharge petition signed by members of the House.



RED AND WHITE HAT—White stitched linen forms the flattering hat worn by Anita Colby. It has a shallow crown and narrow turned-up brim. A cluster of red flowers is placed on the crown just above the right eye, and over it all is a wide meshed veil.



CONVALESCING—Secretary of the Navy Claude A. Swanson, in his wheel chair at the Naval Hospital, Washington, where he is recovering from an illness which threatened his life for several weeks.

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INTERESTING ITEMS

Brattleboro expects to secure the location of that large shoe factory of Daly Brothers of Boston and of the \$50,000 needed with which to erect a factory building has already secured about \$41,000. The building will be leased to the new concern and will add a large industry to that town.

In a report made public at Brattleboro recently it was dis-

closed that Brattleboro is supporting 104 aged and needy persons with old age pensions. Windham County has 308 persons receiving this aid.

Brattleboro will not maintain a separate Information Booth for summer visitors this year as permitted by the State but will provide for such service at the Brooks Hotel.

It is expected that preparations will soon be made for the construction of a bridge across the Connecticut river to replace the one that was lost on the route from Brattleboro to Lake Spofford.

Massachusetts State Grange annual bird day will be held in Petersham, Saturday, May 23, Petersham grange entertaining. In the morning there will be bird walks, at noon a tree planting, and in the afternoon an interesting and inspiring program in the Grange hall, with two well-known speakers.

"Shear Nonsense"

Ruth (reading "cleansing powder advertisement"): If it makes glass "and" "china" brilliant, what would it do to me?

Helen: It probably would make us smart.

Man (getting a shave): Barbary, will you please give me a glass of water?

Barber: What's the matter, a hair in your throat?

Man: No, I want to see if my neck feels better after I have a 10-minute interview.

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LOCALS

Last Friday the Northfield High School baseball team played the team of St. Michaels High school of Brattleboro but were defeated by a score of 6-3. On Monday of this week they played the local town team and won by a score of 5-3. The members of the high school team are playing good ball and are showing signs of development under the watchful eye of Mr. Cobb who is coaching them. There is plenty of good material on the team.

Austin C. Phelps of Northfield failed to observe the stop sign at the intersection of the highways at the Bernardston Inn on May 4, and State Trooper Riley saw him and filed a complaint. Phelps was fined \$5 in District court.

Applications will be received until May 21 for the positions of Surveyman and Rodman and chairman in the U. S. Engineers department of the First District Civil Service Commission. Information may be had from the Secretary Board of Civil Service Examiners, Greenfield.

The cast of "The Impatience of Job" gave a most creditable performance at the First Congregational church Parish hall in Greenfield last Tuesday evening to a large audience. Everyone attending the show spoke in high praise of Mr. Finch and his company of good actors.

This Friday evening at the town hall in Vernon, Mr. Taggart "the man from Vermont" will give one of his delightful programs with songs, readings, and "fiddlin'." Mr. Taggart has appeared in Northfield several times and is a favorite here.

The Franklin County association of Women's Relief Corps met with the Millers Falls Corps last week with an attendance of 75 members from the various towns in the county.

Inventory of the estate of the late A. F. Bennett of Northfield as filed recently in the Probate court lists his personal property at \$106,403.52 with no real estate. His holdings consisted mostly of diversified municipal, industrial and foreign bonds. The inventory of the late Mrs. Mary L. Houghton also filed, shows \$9,252.16 personal and no real estate.

Members of the Greenfield Rotary Club who are residents of Northfield are Albert E. Roberts, executive secretary of the Northfield Schools and A. Gordon Moody, resident manager of the Northfield Hotel. Both are regular attendants at the sessions of the Club which meets each Wednesday evening at the Welton Hotel.

Mr. Frank S. Ray of Washington was in Northfield last Wednesday looking over several properties in which he may be interested for selection as a permanent home.

A service was held last Sunday afternoon on the Seminary campus at 3 o'clock on Round Top with the Rev. Lester P. White of Mount Hermon as speaker. Next Sunday morning the chapel service will be at 9:30 with the Rev. Graham Baldwin of Andover as speaker.

Professor Warren C. Seyfert, professor of comparative education at Harvard University, addressed the faculty of Northfield Seminary on Tuesday afternoon in Phillips Hall, on "Comparative Education."

The advisory council of alumnae of Northfield Seminary will meet this week-end from Friday night until Sunday afternoon on the campus for the purpose of revising the Constitution. On Saturday the members will be entertained in the various halls at dinner and will have breakfast on Sunday morning with Miss Wilson at the Hotel. Ten members of the council are expected. The president is Miss Harriet Yates of Boston, vice-president, and Miss Frances Petee of Boston, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage are this week Saturday attending a meeting of the New England Association of Chemistry Teachers in Portland, Me. Mr. Gage is secretary of the association. While in Portland they will be guests of President and Mrs. Milton D. Proctor of Westboro Junior College. Mr. Proctor was formerly Head of the Science Department of Mount Hermon school.

Rev. Lester P. White of Mt. Hermon was named president of the Gill P.-T. A. at the annual meeting held Tuesday evening at his home. Other officers are: M. D. Birdsall, Mrs. Carrie Rikert, Mrs. Paul Brastard and Mrs. Leon Taber, vice-presidents; Mr. P. W. Eddy, secretary; G. W. Deming, treasurer.

The Hour of Music in Russell Sage Chapel last Sunday drew a

Our New Playground; When Do We Get It? Who Has Control?

The new playground of the town located on ground to the rear of the High School building has been the subject of much comment and speculation upon the part of many citizens and several including the Editor of this paper who have been in ignorance upon this public matter are now asking of its status. Many thought the job was completed but it now develops that it is unfinished, that cinders are needed for the track. The construction of the project was under the direction of the CWA, ERA and WPA and it is understood to be an unfinished proposition. The Editor has no definite information as to the present situation.

The town by vote favored the playground and many saw in it promise of much satisfaction in the athletic development of our young men and women.

Some time ago a committee of three seemed to take some authority in the completion of the field but they have faded now. As a town playground it seemed that responsibility rested with the Selectmen for its completion and control but it happens that during its construction the Legislature has placed jurisdiction upon the School Committee. In a letter received by a Town official, our town counsel explains the facts quite fully. Said Counsel is Atty. Joseph C. Bartlett. His explanation is as follows:

"I did not ask you specifically, but I got the impression from you that this Athletic club at Northfield is not composed of public school students, entirely. Chapter 199 of the Acts of 1935 has only to do with school organizations."

"It does not, of course, have anything to do with school properties or school grounds. Since the Athletic Field, which was built with the assistance of Federal Funds, is a part of the property taken by the town for school purposes, it is under the supervision and control of the School Committee and cannot be under the control or supervision of any other person."

"Of course, if the School Committee wants to let any club or organization use it, they can do so under such terms and conditions as it deems advisable, but the School Committee is the Department of the town which is responsible and which has the control of the Field."

Speaking with a representative of the School Committee, the Editor was informed that

"It is, therefore, evident that the 'General Court of Massachusetts' intended that this field, in common with the hundreds of others constructed on public lands, should be under the control of the School Committee of the town and that this Committee should be responsible for the upkeep, use, and maintenance of the Field. Always ready to cooperate and expecting to see the field used by all the youth of all the people, the Committee recognizes its responsibility in full."

No further statements are in hand from any officials of the Government agencies who are building the field or from the Selectmen and thus the matter rests. It looks as if the responsibility is in the lap of the School Committee and now the query comes, when will it be finished and when can it be used? The grass has been mowed and the field awaits some activity.

Actual Tax Rates Are Showing Decrease

Announced tax rates of the various towns of Franklin county which have thus far been made are showing a sensible effort toward reductions. Of the first seven towns reporting Leverett has a boost to \$45 per \$1000. Here are the towns reporting and the rates for 1935 and 1936:

Buckland	1936	1935
Colrain	\$24.00	\$24.20
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most appreciative audience. Robert Oldham, pianist, and Ralph Smith, baritone, rendered a program which won admiration from the music lovers. The selections were by Bach, Beethoven, Hageman, Debussy, Griffes, Brahms and others.

It is worth while to remember that the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pinafore* on Saturday evening, June 6, will be an enjoyable evening of mirth and melody. Members of the Mount Hermon Glee Club and Seminary Estey Chorus are now being trained for this performance by Music Director, M. L. Gallagher.

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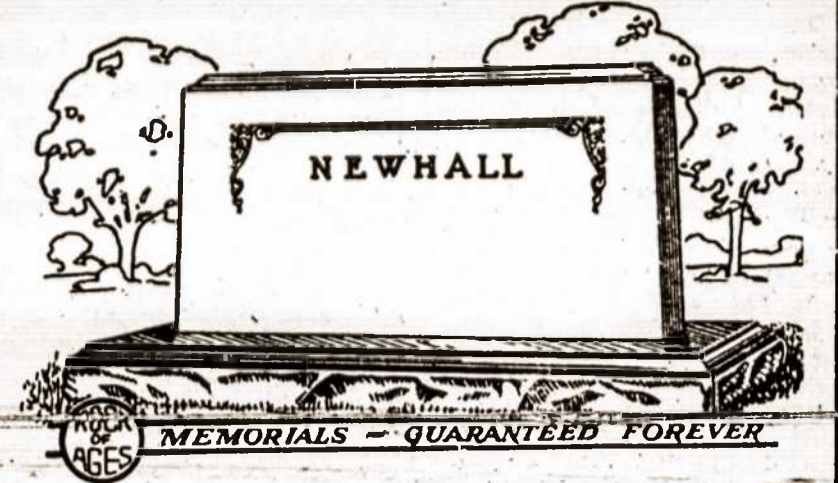
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EDITORIAL

It is a very good move that in a new approach to the complex problems of present-day government, the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers' associations announces the formation of a non-partisan advisory council of experts comprising two former Massachusetts governors, two famous engineers, three eminent attorneys, three noted educators, a former member of the Boston Finance Commission and a former Mayor of Springfield.

The Federation further announces active participation on the part of the women of Massachusetts in the taxpayers' movement. The work is being conducted through the newly organized Women's Division with an Advisory Committee.

Life Insurance Week, observed throughout the United States May 11 to 16 employs a peculiarly apt slogan: "The sooner you plan your future, the better your future will be."

Nearly half the population of the United States—sixty-three million people—have taken this slogan to heart by purchasing life insurance policies. The total face value of these policies is more than one hundred billion dollars. And in 1935 the assets of insurance companies in this country, as well as total premiums paid by policyholders, reached new all-time high totals.

An item in the news column of the past week states that Governor Curley has been made "an Indian Chief" of the Wampanoag tribe. Well whatever significance this honor may have is not known but many have considered the Governor on the "war-path" for a long time raising "the dickens" with the state budget, havoc with the state debt and scalping the poor taxpayer. We apologize to the poor Indian, he never had a chance like Curley.

A news report from South Deerfield states that three children who went to St. Stanislaus Cemetery to lay flowers on their mother's grave on Mother's Day were denied entrance to the cemetery. The purported excuse was that these children who had left their church to join another had not paid the necessary dues. Whatever the reason, this act must be condemned as contemptible and regret must be expressed that such a thing could occur in our country. One thing is sure that no matter what may prevent us from laying a flower on mothers' grave, nothing can separate us from that undying love which we, as children, hold in mind and heart to her as our mother.

May Day activities the world over appear to have been singularly free from violence this year. Drastic measures, however, were taken in many of the great centers to forestall such possibilities, but such precautions were not deemed necessary in London and New York, the two great metropolises of English-speaking nations where the freedom of speech still prevails.

Go Daylight Saving

Keene, N. H. is now on daylight saving time and since its action Winchester was left as the sole community on standard time hereabouts. Brattleboro, Hinsdale, Northfield and Greenfield all on daylight saving have put Winchester in an awkward position and its citizens are waking up to the fact that they too must adopt daylight saving in the march of progress.

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The Back Yard Gardener

After visiting flower shows this past winter I got enthusiastic about garden pools. I made one last year, but I think I'll try another just for the fun of it.

Of course, many types of garden pools are possible. I even see by my garden catalogs that the lazy man can buy his pool made to order, even to the plants, goldfish, and all. The only trouble is you don't buy the hole, and then somehow or other I'm prouder of things made by myself.

The simplest type of pool is, of course, a pool made out of mud. To do this you have to have a good clay soil which will puddle or pack easily. Folks who have sandy or gravelly gardens are just out of luck on this point.

I also go strong for pools which have running water, but running water in the garden isn't so frequent as you would like to have it.

Butter tubs, barrels, both wooden and metal, can easily be sunk into the garden for small pools. If you are handy with tools, you can even make wooden pools of various shapes. The only trouble with a wooden pool is that it soon rots.

One advantage I find in the small pools is that you don't have the problem of providing a drain for winter to prevent freezing. A small pool can be dipped out and cleaned in that way.

If you are interested in making a concrete pool, I'd suggest the type of pool which doesn't require forms to hold the concrete in place. By that I mean

one that has the sides with a gentle enough slope so that your concrete will stay in place, unless it is too soupy. Dig your pool with a nice sloping side any size you want and then lay the concrete right on top of the soil, starting at the bottom of the pool. A pool should be at least 18 to 24 inches deep in order to have a good variety of plants.

If your pool is pretty good sized, you need a drain; but here again a little ingenuity might save you the trouble of putting in a drain. In other words, if there is a low spot below where you are putting the pool, you can use your garden hose as a siphon, and siphon out the water when you want to clean the pool or when you want to drain it for winter.

I've never found anyone who has found other building materials as satisfactory as concrete. First of all try to locate some good heavy fence wire or chicken wire or something of that sort to be used as reinforcing material. A good mixture for the concrete is one part of good cement and two parts of sand and two parts of fine gravel. This is a rather rich mixture, but it gives much better results in producing a water-tight pool.

To make the surface real smooth, use a mixture of one part of sand and one part of cement, using a small trowel of some sort to get a finished surface. I wouldn't work my head off trying to make it absolutely perfect.

It's rather important that the concrete be allowed to cure slowly and this can be done by sprinkling or covering the surface with wet burlap or wet leaves. Leave it on for several days until the concrete is dry.

After the pool has been made, it's a good idea to fill it with water and let it stand a couple of weeks in order to remove any alkali from the inner surface. It might be a good idea to even scrub it with a good stiff brush and wash it out.

After your pool has cured and been washed, you can divide it into sections by rock partitions. One section or two sections, as you like, you can fill with good rich dirt and in these set your plants, and in the other section put your fish and other things if you like. G. O. C.—J. W. B.

In Mock Convention

From Oberlin College in Ohio comes word that Sidney Douglas Polhemus a student there and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Anthony Polhemus of Northfield was chosen by his fellow students as a Massachusetts delegate to the Republican Mock Convention which was held there last Friday and Saturday. Young Polhemus is a graduate of Mount Hermon School and a sophomore at Oberlin.

CHURCH SERVICES



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Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11, when the choir will sing *Sing for the World Rejoices* by Conant, also *March On Ye Soldiers True* by Williams. The subject of the sermon will be "Sowing and Reaping."

Sunday school at No. 3 at 2:30. At 3:30 the Junior Endeavor will meet in the vestry. At 6:45, preaching service at the Farms. At 7:00 the Senior Endeavor will be led by Mr. Harling. And at 8:00 preaching service at the vestry. Rev. Harry J. Harling returned Missionary will be the special speaker.

Wednesday afternoon the W. C. T. U. will meet at the church. Thursday at 7:30 the weekly prayer service followed by the choir rehearsal.

May 18, 19, and 20 the Annual meeting of the Mass. Congregational Conference at Gardner.

Wednesday evening the choir will present a benefit play entitled "The Phantom Bells" at the town hall.

Friday, Bible Conference at the Advent Church, So. Vernon. We shall reap as plentifully as we sow.

SOUTH CHURCH

REV. MARY ANDREWS CONNER

Sunday, 9:45 Church school. 10:45, Church Worship. Previous to the Annual May meetings in Boston next week, the morning thought will be "Our Fellowship Looks Forward; Shall It Go Forward?"

Delegates from the local church to the Anniversary meetings in Boston, May 17-22, will be Rev. Mary Andrews Conner, Mrs. Olaf Doolittle and perhaps others.

The Alliance met Thursday with Mrs. J. M. Whitmore who was assisted by Mrs. F. W. Williams, Mrs. Mary Callender as hostesses, Mrs. N. P. Wood, the newly elected President, presided. Mrs. Susie Doolittle was elected delegate to attend the Annual Alliance convention at Boston, next week.

The officers and teachers of the Church School met Thursday for a business session and the planning of Children's Day service, June 28.

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Make roses grow along her way
And beauty everywhere.
Oh, never let her eyes be wet
With tears of sorrow or regret.
And never cease to care!
Come, grown up children and rejoice
That you can hear your mother's voice!

A day for her! For you she gave
Long years of love and service
brave;
For you her youth was spent.
There was no weight of hurt or
care
Too heavy for her strength to
bear;

She followed where you went;
Her courage and her love sublime
You could depend on all the
time.

No day or night she set apart
On which to open wide her heart
And welcome you within;
There was no hour you would
not be.

First in her thought and memory,
Though you were black as
sin!

Though skies were gray or skies
were blue
Not once has she forgotten you.

Let every day be Mother's Day!
With love and roses strew her
way,
And smiles of joy and pride!
Come, grown up children, to the
knee

Where long ago you used to be
And never turn aside;
Oh, never let her eyes be wet
With tears, because her babes
forget.

—Edgar A. Guest

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If I could find Aladdin's magic
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And conjure all the gladness of
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And with one gesture banish all
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Obliterate the memory of tears—
If I could bring the roses back
again
Into a cheek that Time has made
less fair—
If I could substitute the chest-
nut's gold
For that soft sweep of precious
silver hair—
And then, if I could bring my-
self to stand,
A daughter, worthy of a Mother's
pride,
Naught would remain to wish
for, nor desire.

Thus would my every wish be
satisfied,
Ah, Mother, I have hunted high
and low.
My love's the only magic lamp
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Awake! Producer of the world!
Today's our day,
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In a world where money rules,
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